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Appl. Serial No. 09/335,363
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In re application of:

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For: **SAMPLE LOADING AND HANDLING
INTERFACE TO MULTIPLY
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please amend
the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.